

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-20 and add claims 21-24, all as shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising: hydroxycitric acid; and composition for reducing body weight wherein said composition comprising

a) approximately 14 to 26% by weight of calcium, and

b) approximately 24 to 40% by weight of potassium or

approximately 14 to 24% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof, each calculated as a

percentage of the total hydroxycitric acid content of said composition two or more cations; with

the proviso that if one of the cations is magnesium then the other cations are selected from the

group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, ammonium and substituted ammonium.

2. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim 1, wherein said two or more cations are selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, alkali earth metals, ammonium and substituted ammonium; with the proviso that if one of the cations is magnesium then the other cations are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, ammonium and substituted ammonium the sodium comprises less than approximately 2% by weight.

3. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim 1, wherein said two or more cations are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, ammonium and substituted ammonium the calcium comprises approximately 18 to 26% by weight.

4. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[1]] 3, further comprising at least one other cation selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, ammonium and substituted ammonium wherein the potassium comprises approximately 28 to 36% by weight.

5. (Currently amended) A composition as recited in claim 1 comprising:  
hydroxycitric acid; and

two cations; with the proviso that if one of the cations is magnesium then the other cation is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, ammonium and substituted ammonium wherein the lactone forms of hydroxycitric acid comprise less than approximately 4 % by weight of the total hydroxycitric acid content of the composition.

6. (Currently amended) The A dietary supplement composition as recited in claim 5, wherein one of said cations is monovalent and the other cation is divalent; with the proviso that if the divalent cation is magnesium then the monovalent cation is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, ammonium and substituted ammonium for reducing body weight comprising a hydroxycitric acid composition of at least approximately 40% by weight of total hydroxycitric acid which further comprise approximately 5 to 13% by weight of calcium, and approximately 9 to 20% by weight of potassium or approximately 5 to 12% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof, each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said hydroxycitric acid composition.

7. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[6]] 5, wherein said two cations are selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, alkali earth metals, ammonium and substituted ammonium; with the proviso that if one of the cations is magnesium then the other cation is selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, ammonium and substituted ammonium the hydroxycitric acid composition comprises approximately 55-65 % by weight.

8. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[7]] 5, wherein said two cations are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, ammonium and substituted ammonium the calcium comprises approximately 9 to 13 % by weight.

9. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[7]] 8, wherein the composition is for reducing body potassium comprises approximately 14 to 18% by weight.

10. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[6]] 9, wherein said hydroxycitric acid is selected from the group consisting of calcium/potassium hydroxycitric acid, calcium/sodium hydroxycitric acid, calcium/magnesium hydroxycitric acid, calcium/ammonium hydroxycitric acid, calcium/substituted ammonium hydroxycitric acid, magnesium/potassium hydroxycitric acid, magnesium/sodium hydroxycitric acid, magnesium/ammonium hydroxycitric acid, magnesium/substituted ammonium hydroxycitric acid, potassium/sodium hydroxycitric acid, potassium/ammonium hydroxycitric acid, potassium/substituted ammonium hydroxycitric acid, sodium/ammonium hydroxycitric acid, sodium/substituted ammonium hydroxycitric acid and ammonium/substituted ammonium hydroxycitric acid or a mixture thereof the lactone forms of hydroxycitric acid comprise less than approximately 2% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

11. (Currently amended) The [[A]] composition as recited in claim [[6]] 8, wherein the sodium comprises less than approximately 1 % by weight.

12. (Currently amended) A food product for use in reducing body weight which comprises a prepared food product together with a hydroxycitric acid composition wherein said composition comprising:  
hydroxycitric acid;  
calcium; and  
potassium or sodium comprises at least approximately 40% by weight of hydroxycitric acid together with approximately 14 to 26% by weight of calcium, and approximately 24 to 40% by weight of potassium or approximately 14 to 24% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof, each calculated as a percentage of the total hydroxycitric acid content of said composition.

13. (Currently amended) The composition A food product as recited in claim 12, wherein the composition as a percentage of the total weight of said hydroxycitric acid composition comprises;  
a) calcium by weight between:

- a lower limit of approximately 14%; and
- an upper limit of approximately 26%; and
- b) potassium by weight between:
  - a lower limit of approximately 24%; and
  - an upper limit of approximately 40%; or
- c) sodium by weight between:
  - a lower limit of approximately 14%; and
  - an upper limit of approximately 24%; or
- d) a mixture of b) and c) approximately 55-65 % by weight.

14. (Currently amended) The composition A-feed-product as recited in claim [[13]] 12, comprising at least approximately 40% by weight of total hydroxycitric acid, wherein the composition as a percentage of the total weight of said hydroxycitric acid composition comprises:

- a) calcium by weight between:
  - a lower limit of approximately 5%; to
  - an upper limit of approximately 13%; and
- b) potassium by weight between:
  - a lower limit of approximately 9%; to
  - an upper limit of approximately 20%; or
- c) sodium by weight between:
  - a lower limit of approximately 5%; to
  - an upper limit of approximately 12%; or
- d) a mixture b) and c) wherein the calcium comprises approximately 18 to 26% by weight.

15. (Currently amended) The composition A-feed-product as recited in claim [[13]] 3, comprising at least approximately 40% by weight of total hydroxycitric acid, wherein the composition as a percentage of the total weight of said hydroxycitric acid composition comprises:

a) calcium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 5%; to

an upper limit of approximately 13%; and

b) potassium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 9%; to

an upper limit of approximately 20%; or

c) sodium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 5%; to

an upper limit of approximately 12%; or

d) a mixture b) and c) wherein the potassium comprises approximately 28 to 36% by weight.

16. (Currently amended) The composition A feed product as recited in claim [[12]] 3, wherein the composition as a percentage of the total weight of said hydroxycitric acid composition comprises:

a) calcium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 14%; and

an upper limit of approximately 26%; and

b) potassium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 24%; and

an upper limit of approximately 40%; or

c) sodium by weight between:

a lower limit of approximately 14%; and

an upper limit of approximately 24%; or

d) a mixture of b) and c) sodium comprises less than approximately 2% by weight.

17. (Currently amended) The composition A feed product as recited in claim 12, wherein the lactone form of hydroxycitric acid comprises less than approximately 4% by weight of the total hydroxycitric acid content of the composition.

18. (Currently amended) The composition as recited in claim 1, wherein all of said cations are monovalent, wherein if one of the cations is sodium then one or more cations are selected from the group consisting of potassium, ammonium and substituted ammonium, wherein if one of the cations is potassium then one or more cations are selected from the group consisting of sodium, ammonium and substituted ammonium ~~A feed product as recited in claim 12 wherein the said hydroxytric acid composition comprises approximately 0.001 to 25% by weight of the total weight of said prepared feed product.~~

19. (Currently amended) The composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of said cations is an amine ~~A method for reducing body weight which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a hydroxytric acid composition wherein the hydroxytric acid content of said composition comprises approximately 14 to 26% by weight of calcium, and approximately 24 to 40% by weight of potassium or approximately 12 to 24 % by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof, each calculated as a percentage of the total hydroxytric acid content of said composition.~~

20. (Currently amended) The composition as recited in claim 19, wherein said amine is selected from the group consisting of ammonium and substituted ammonium ~~A method as recited in claim 17 wherein the composition is administered to said mammal in the range of from approximately 1 to approximately 25 milligrams per kilogram of body weight of said mammal per day.~~

21. (New) The composition as recited in claim 12, wherein the composition is for reducing body weight.

22. (New) The composition of claim 12, wherein the sodium comprises less than approximately 2% by weight.

23. (New) The composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the composition is for reducing body weight.

24. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the sodium comprises less than approximately 1% by weight.